

Flashes of Fun.

—A country youth wishes to know how long girls should be courted. Why, the same as short girls of course.

—"Self-acting rubbers" is the sign which frequently meets the eye. They could, no doubt, be made useful in a Turkish bath.

—Oliver Wendall Holmes used to be an amateur photographer. When he presented a picture to a friend he wrote on the back of it, "Taken by O. W. Holmes & Sun."

—"Do you think I'm a simpleton, sir?" thundered a fiery Scotch laird to his new footman. "Ye see, sir," said the canny Scot, "I'm no' lang here and I diuna ken yet."

ATidbits tell the story of a conductor on a slow railroad who told a passenger that he had been on the road for nine years. "Then," said the passenger, "this must be your second trip."

—Husband going fishing: Good-by, wifey; I won't come until late unless I catch something." Wife: "If you don't come until late, Hubby you'll be sure to catch something, you hear me?"

—"Who held up Moses' hands while Joshua fought the Philistines?" asked the Superintendent. "Hur and Aaron," shouted the good bow. "She and Aaron," softly corrected the new schoolma'am.

—Geo. Currier, in the Boston city hall, tells of a valiant Irishman who threatened to shoot a Confederate soldier so full of holes that "his soul would be bothered which one of them to fly through."

—From Edwin Arnold's new poem we learn that "Upon a certain morn at Rajagriha, in Wassantatimus, Lord Buddhasate—the great Tathagato." It seems like an incredible statement but it may be true.

—Down in Higganum, Conn., a four-legged chicken has survived to come to maturity. There will be a very embarrassing fowl some day, when its carver finds himself with four drumsticks to dispose of.

—It is reported that on one occasion last Winter, while Sarah Bernhardt was out sleighing, she was accidentally thrown from the cutter whereupon a small boy cried out: Hey, mister, you've lost your whip."

—A wag's dog (not a dog's wag) wouldn't follow him and was dubbed "non sequiter" or "illogical inference;" another man's dog died and then to questions about the canine he made answer, "cur non."

—Two commercial travellers comparing notes: "I have been out three weeks," said the first, "and have only got four orders."

"That beats me," said the other. "I have been out four weeks and have only got one order, and that's an order from the firm to come home."

"If it wasn't for one thing, boys," said an old farmer as he got down from his wagon, "I'd bet enny amount o' money on that bay colt o' mine trottin' a mile in 2:16 1-4. I'd bet a million dollars I had it." The crowd laughed derisively. "What is that one thing?" asked one of the crowd. "The distance is too fur fer the time."

—They went out in the gloaming, listening to the music of the insect world. "Arthur," she exclaimed breaking the noisy silence, "how delightful and yet how sad is the monotonous chorus of those toad-stools!" "Toadstools? my dear," replied Arthur; "I guess you mean crickets." "Yes, crickets; that's what I mean. I knew it was something to sit on."

—It is a little Boston girl who has been encouraged to believe that when she is left alone to go to sleep the angels are hovering around her and keeping her company. The other night, having been prepared for bed before she went up she turned around at the top of the stairs beckoned eagerly down and called out, "Come along angels."

—An attendant at Mt. Vernon not long ago found a lady weeping most bitterly and audibly, with her handkerchief at her eyes. He slipped up to her and said, "Are you in trouble, madam?" "No, sir," she sobbed. "I saw you weeping." "Ah how can one help weeping at the grave of the Father of his Country?" "Oh, indeed, madam," said he, "that is not it. The tomb is over yonder. This is the ice house."

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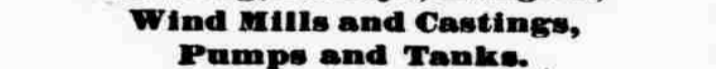
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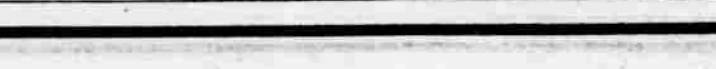
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